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Magalie Roman Salas  
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Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Western Wireless Corp. Petition for Designation as an  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Pine Ridge  
Reservation in South Dakota**

**Western Wireless Corp. Petition for Designation as an  
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and for Related  
Waivers To Provide Universal Service To Crow  
Reservation, Montana;  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Western Wireless Corp. ("Western Wireless"), this is to notify you of *ex parte* presentations on Friday, July 13, 2001, regarding the proceedings referred to above, to Susan Steiman, Andrea Kearney and Linda Kinney of the Office of General Counsel ("OGC"); and to Deena Shetler, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Gloria Tristani. Participants in these presentations included Mark Rubin, Executive Director, Federal Affairs, Western Wireless, and Michele Farquhar, David Sieradzki and the undersigned of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., counsel to Western Wireless.

The presentations primarily addressed jurisdictional issues based on Western Wireless' prior filings in this docket, and we responded to *ex parte* filings and presentations by other parties in this proceeding. During these presentations, we handed out the attached map, as well as copies of other documents already filed as *ex partes* in this docket.

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If you have any questions regarding either the oral or the written presentations, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie London', is written over the typed name.

Ronnie London  
Counsel for Western Wireless Corp.

Enclosure

cc: Deena Shetler  
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